

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9-13, 15, 16 and 18 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 1 is amended herein to correct typographical errors found in the previous Amendment filed on May 4, 2010. Specifically, claim 1 is amended by deleting extraneous punctuation marks and to recite that L represents a bond or -O-. Support is found, for example, in the original claims. No new matter is presented.

I. Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by WO/2004/031118 with a publication date of April 15, 2004.

Claims 5, 10, and 11 are objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Applicants claim priority to two foreign applications, JP 2003-422431 and JP 20004-101378, filed in Japan on December 19, 2003 and March 30, 2004, respectively, prior to the publication date of April 15, 2004 of WO '118. Sworn English translations of these priority documents are being submitted herewith, thereby perfecting Applicants' claim to priority. Support for the present claims is found for example in the exemplary compounds of the priority documents. Thus, WO '118 is removed as a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

Claims 5, 10 and 11 depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and objection to the claims.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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